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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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TITLE : CACHING MECHANISM TO
OPTIMIZE A BIDDING PROCESS
USED TO SELECT RESOURCES
AND SERVICES

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Commissioner:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 26, 2004, on the above-referenced patent application, Applicant(s) respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected the claims under 35 USC §112. The basis for this rejection is the lack of definition of "resource adaptor" and "caching adaptor" in the application. Applicants respectfully disagree. The resource adaptor is described at least on page 5 and in Figure 2a. The caching adaptor is described at least on page 6 and in Figure 2b. A person skilled in the relevant art would understand that,